

## Notes on Course Selection for Incoming Exchange/Visiting Students

1. To perform course selection online, you first have to obtain the login and password in order to access HKU Portal. Please collect the information at the International Affairs Office (for incoming exchange students) or the Faculty Office (for visiting students) in early January 2024.
2. You have to perform course selection online by yourself after your arrival at HKU. You can perform course selection during the add/drop period from January 15, 2024 (10:00 am) to January 29, 2024 (4:00 pm). Please refer to the Important Dates for 2023-2024 Course Selection Exercise in Appendix A and follow the schedule of Year 1 students.
3. For the list of Science courses and the course details, you may visit the Faculty website at <https://www.scifac.hku.hk/current/ug/academic/syllabuses>.
4. You can select non-Science courses available in the Student Information System. However, please be reminded that at least half of the enrolled courses must be offered by the Faculty of Science.
5. For course selection guidance in Science courses, you are encouraged to seek advice from Course Selection Advisers. A list of Science Course Selection Advisers is available at <https://www.scifac.hku.hk/current/ug/academic/aa/csa>.
6. For advice on courses offered by non-Science Faculties/Departments, please contact the respective Faculties/Departments.
7. Please ensure the level of course you intend to take matches with your academic background. You can identify the level of Science course by the first number of the course code as below:

Introductory level courses (course code starting with 1 and 2) include levels 1 and 2 courses. They are normally taken in Year 1 and 2.

Level 1 courses: give students a very general overview of the subject and basic principles and methods. They serve as 'tasters' as well as free elective courses for the non-faculty students.

Level 2 courses: aimed as foundation courses in a discipline for students who have declared their major of study. They cover concepts and methods essential for preparing the student to progress into the advanced-level courses in the major.

Advanced level courses (course code starting with 3, 4 or 7) include levels 3, 4 and 7 courses. They are normally taken in Year 3 and 4.

Level 3 courses: These courses are the building blocks of the discipline.

Level 4 courses: advanced courses in a sub-field of the discipline, research-based courses, or capstone courses that require students to apply and integrate knowledge learnt in previous courses. Level 4 courses are normally taken in the final year of the study.

Level 7 courses: graduate courses that are offered to the more able undergraduate students as electives.

Please consult the respective Course Selection Adviser should you have any queries about the level of courses.
8. You may, subject to availability, take up to two Common Core Courses from a selective menu, each from a different Area of Inquiry (AoI).
9. The normal course load is 60 credits a year (30 credits per semester).
10. For the class timetable with latest delivery mode information, you may visit the SIS website at [https://intraweb.hku.hk/reserved\\_1/sis\\_student/sis/SIS-class-timetable.html](https://intraweb.hku.hk/reserved_1/sis_student/sis/SIS-class-timetable.html).
11. The teaching weeks in 2023-24 at HKU is shown in Appendix B.

Faculty of Science, HKU

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## Important Dates for the 2023-2024 Course Selection Exercise

### *Courses Add/drop periods (for all years)*

Date	Event	Venue
<b>SECOND SEMESTER (2024)</b>		
January 15	First day of teaching	---
January 15 (10:00 am) – January 29 (4:00 pm)	On-line course selection system available to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Year 1 students from 10:00 am on January 15</li> <li>● Year 2 students from 12:00 nn on January 15</li> <li>● Year 3 students from 2:00 pm on January 15</li> <li>● Year 4 or above students from 4:00 pm on January 15</li> </ul>	HKU Portal – SIS
January 15 – January 26 (by 11:59 pm)	Availability of Course Approval Form for change of courses # (if applicable) (* Course changes are only applicable to courses beginning in the second semester only)	<a href="#">Science Online Application Submission System (OASS)*</a>
January 16 (12:00 nn – 4:59 pm)	Suspension period of the online course selection system (Course add/drop is not allowed.) Students are highly recommended to select courses which require course based approval before the suspension period.	---
January 26 (by 11:59 pm)	Closing date for submission of Course Approval Form (if applicable)	<a href="#">Science Online Application Submission System (OASS)*</a>
January 29 (by 4:00 pm)	Closing date for submission of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Application Form for Taking a Replacement Course (if applicable); and</li> <li>(b) Application Form for Exemption from Taking a Capstone Course in the Second (Science) Major (if applicable).</li> </ol>	<a href="#">Science Online Application Submission System (OASS)*</a>
February 3 (10:00 am)	Checking of final course selection status on-line	HKU Portal – SIS

**Notes:**

\* The Science Online Application Submission System (OASS) can be accessed via the following navigation path:  
<https://www.scifac.hku.hk/> > Current Students > Undergraduate Programmes > Forms (Science Online Application Submission System) or via the link: <https://webapp.science.hku.hk/intranet/OnlineFormUG.html>.

Teaching Weeks 2023-24 for Undergraduate and Taught Postgraduate Students

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT		Week
SEP-23						1	2	FIRST SEMESTER: SEP 1 - DEC 23, 2023 First Day of Teaching: Sep 1, 2023	1
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		2
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		3
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23		4
	24	25	26	27	28	29	[30]		5
OCT-23	1	[2]	3	4	5	6	7	Reading/Field Trip Week: Oct 16 - 21, 2023	6
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14		7(Reading)
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21		8
	22	[23]	24	25	26	27	28		9
	29	30	31						
NOV-23	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	Last Day of Teaching: Nov 30, 2023	10
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18		11
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25		12
	26	27	28	29	30				13
						1	2		Revision Period: Dec 1 - 7, 2023 Assessment Period: Dec 8 - 23, 2023
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	2		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	3		
24	[25]	[26]	27	28	29	30	Break		
JAN-24								SECOND SEMESTER: JAN 15 - MAY 21, 2024 First Day of Teaching: Jan 15, 2024	Break
	7	[1]	2	3	4	5	6		Break
	14	8	9	10	11	12	13		1
	21	15	16	17	18	19	20		2
	28	22	23	24	25	26	27		3
FEB-24	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	Class Suspension Period for the Lunar New Year: Feb 10 - 16, 2024	4
	11	[12]	[13]	[14]	[15]	[16]	[17]		5
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24		6
	25	26	27	28	29				
						1	2		Reading/Field Trip Week: Mar 4 - 9, 2024
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	8		
10	11	12	13	14	15	(16)	9		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	10		
24	25	26	27	28	[29]	[30]			
APR-24								Last Day of Teaching: Apr 27, 2024 Revision Period: Apr 29 - May 4, 2024	11
	7	[1]	2	3	[4]	5	6		12
	14	8	9	10	11	12	13		13
	21	15	16	17	18	19	20		14
	28	22	23	24	25	26	27		15(Revision)
MAY-24				[1]	2	3	4	Assessment Period: May 6 - 21, 2024	1
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		2
	12	13	14	[15]	16	17	18		3
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25		Break
	26	27	28	29	30	31			
JUN-24	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	OPTIONAL SUMMER SEMESTER JUN 24 - AUG 17, 2024	Break
	9	[10]	11	12	13	14	15		Break
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22		Break
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29		1
	30								
JUL-24		[1]	2	3	4	5	6	2	
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	3	
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	4	
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	5	
	28	29	30	31				6	
AUG-24					1	2	3	7	
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17		
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24		
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31		

- [ ] General Holiday
- ( ) University Holiday (Full Day)
- <> University Holiday (afternoon only)
- Reading/Field Trip Week
- Revision Period
- Class Suspension Period for the Lunar New Year
- Assessment Period

Notes:

First Semester: 10 Mondays, 12 Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 11 Saturdays  
 Second Semester: 12 Mondays, 13 Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 12 Thursdays, 11.5 Fridays, 11 Saturdays